

THE IMPACTS OF A FOODBORNE OUTBREAK

An outbreak of norovirus affecting 26 people was linked to a local restaurant in February 2019. The impacts of a foodborne outbreak often reach far beyond the restaurant involved.



The Customers

26 Customers developed illness after consuming mixed bar drinks

26.5 hours Average duration of the customers' vomiting and diarrhea following their meal

1 Customer was treated at the emergency department, several others lost time from work



The Health District

\$10,000

Approximate amount of money the Health District spent investigating this outbreak

300 hours

Health District staff time spent investigating this outbreak

The Restaurant



48 hours

Time the restaurant was closed for remediation

30 staff
Affected by the closure, extra duties, and added inspections

22
Inspections, site visits, and contacts with the Health District during the outbreak

60
Routine restaurant inspections got delayed during the investigation

